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Navigator's Log



Epiphany is defined as a sudden realization/ appearance of God. When you look at this you can see where the early Christians were touched by the awareness of the birth of Christ and the realization

that prophecies were being fulfilled. Today we reflect on the coming of Christ and His birth, but too many times this is the only time of the year that people do so. They say they are too busy or that they don't have time to go to church and reflect on the gospel and teachings. They always have an excuse, but never seem to miss a ball game, outing or show up late for a movie. Yes we are busy, but faith does not just happen, we must listen to the message and open our hearts to our Lords saving grace. The sudden realization that we do need God and that we let him in our lives comes over time. God's appearance to us in our hearts and minds only happens through us taking the time to hear Him and follow his path. Take the time my Brothers to hear what he has to say and rejoice that you have heard him. May this New Year bring you all the joy, happiness and grace that He gave us through the Epiphany and His birth.

Our January 23, 2008 meeting will be held at St. Vincent de Paul. We need you to participate if we are to continue our work. If you have not yet asked a 3rd degree member to join our Assembly, please do and bring the form 4 to our January meeting.

At our Christmas brunch Father Vandenberg told us about our Assembly name sake Bishop Thomas E Gill. I am including a picture of Bishop Gill and a brief recap of his life. Thank you Father Vandenberg for sharing your memories of Bishop Gill and for most of us the epiphany of where our Assembly name came from. Vivat Jesus!
Tony Robinson FN

Vivat Jesus

Tony Robinson, Faithful Navigator

Captain's Corner



Happy New Year! This is the time of year that traditionally people make resolutions. Some are kept, some last awhile and others just get forgotten. If you don't have a resolution or the ones you made have no chance, I thought I

would give you an easy list to pick from.

- Pray the Rosary daily.
- Tell your spouse that you love them at least once a day.
- Buy some flowers just because.
- Volunteer some time to help others in need.
- Attend every Assembly meeting during the year.
- Tell your parish priest, Thanks for all they do for us and keep them in your prayers.
- Bring in a new 4th degree member.
- Bring in a new Knight of Columbus.
- Join the Assembly Color Corps.
- Pray for our Troops and their families.
- Be thankful that we live in the USA and have the freedom not to keep resolutions☺.

On another note, The Fulton J Sheen Assembly 1845 in Spanaway has invited our assembly members to attend their annual Formal Social. It will be held on Saturday February 16, 2008. Cocktails at 4pm, dinner at 5pm. The cost is \$25.00 per person. For further information contact Rick Collins, Faithful Captain at 253-380-8112.

Vivat Jesus

Ray Garcia, Faithful Captain

Faithful Admiral's Notes

Brother Knights- this is the time of year when some of us make New Year's resolutions or "wish list" for the coming year. (I myself make very few as I am very human and often break them early on in the year!).

I've read our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI's list in his annual New Years message, delivered on January 1, 2008 (which the Church has designated as the World Day of Peace since 1968) which I'd like to share with you:

(1.) Protect Marriage and the nuclear Family- Our Holy Father focuses on the family as the key for peacemaking; expressing the idea that society should promote policies protecting the nuclear family as well as a greater sense that we human beings are part of a "global" family. He made the further point that anything which weakens the family based on a marriage between a man and a women constitutes an obstacle in the progress towards peace; it is essential that society and public policy work together to guarantee that all families have jobs, shelter, schooling for children and basic health care.

(2.) Protect the Environment- Our Holy Father makes the point that the human species has a "common home" - earth- and that mankind needs to work together to cultivate the environment on an international basis (however the Pope warns against exaggerated environmentalism that sees the environment and animal life as "more important" than man.) He stresses the need for richer countries to re-examine their higher levels of consumption and that they should invest more monies in finding more efficient and alternate energy sources.

(3.) Disarmament-especially Nuclear- Especially considering the continued conflicts throughout the world, Pope Benedict expressed concern about the number of countries possessing or about to possess nuclear weapons. Our Holy Father appealed to world leaders to work harder at negotiating disarmament treaties especially related to nuclear weapons, but also over conventional weapons that often create profiteering at the risk of destroying mankind.

As Faithful Knights of Columbus, I hope and pray that we will listen to our "Vicar of Christ" and make conscientious decisions about our future leaders in the upcoming elections.

David Caton, Faithful Admiral

Bishop Thomas E. Gill **1955-1973**



The Cathedral's sixth pastor was the first to be born in Seattle. He was born on March 18, 1908, just three months after the dedication of the Cathedral, and grew up in St. Joseph's parish on Capitol Hill. He attended St. Joseph's, then O'Dea High School and Seattle Prep, before going on to seminary studies at St. Patrick's in Menlo Park, where Msgr.

Gallagher and Father O'Neill had also prepared for the priesthood. An excellent second baseman, it is said he

considered a career in baseball before he decided to be a priest! The Gill family was rich in vocations. The future bishop's mother was related to the 19th-century Archbishop Michael McHale of Tuam, Ireland; two of Bishop Gill's great-uncles were priests; and two of his nephews became priests as well, one of them none other than Michael G. Ryan! After ordination in San Francisco, the then Father Gill spent a year at St. Patrick's in Tacoma with the legendary Msgr. Noonan, and then spent three years at St. Mary's in Seattle. Father Gill then went to Washington, DC, where he received a Masters in Social Work at Catholic University. On his return to Seattle, he managed Catholic Children's Services, an agency which he helped to form and of which he was "the heart and soul." His concern for children was one of the driving forces in his ministry. He said, "the supreme objective in this life is to offer youngsters the opportunity and the help to achieve the best possible adjustment to the real life... and that is the life that isn't destined to end under a tombstone, but is life eternal." In 1955, Father Gill was appointed Pastor of St. James Cathedral, retaining his various other responsibilities; and a year later he was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Seattle. Archbishop Thomas Connolly wondered at the time how the new bishop would be able to spare time to help him, since he was already "the second busiest man in the archdiocese." Bishop Gill replied, "Well, there are a few hours between midnight and five a.m. that I might be able to assist Your Excellency." For the next 18 years, he worked indefatigably as he carried out the multitudinous responsibilities of a pastor, an administrator, and a bishop. On November 11, 1973, Bishop Gill died unexpectedly of a heart attack in Washington, DC, where he was attending a Bishops' conference. Bishop Gill had guided the Cathedral parish through the Second Vatican Council, and through some of the most tumultuous and transformative years in American history. Just the week before he died, he installed the parish's first extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. It was simultaneously the end and the beginning of an era

Faithful Comptroller's Ledger

Worthy Sir Knights, I have sent out your yearly dues notice. Please respond promptly to this notice. Remember your 1st degree pledge to "keep your dues current". For those of you who are members of Council 7528 you may be tempted to write a single check. Please do not, I can't mix the funds. Thanks for your continued support.

Tim Philomeno, Faithful Comptroller

Happy Birthday!

Date	January	Date	January
1 st	Joseph Penwell	19 th	Franklin Seatz
3 rd	Roy Nelson	20 th	Thomas Skoda
3 rd	John Leaf	23 rd	Fr. Bryan Hersey
7 th	Gary Best	25 th	Richard Gonzalez
15 th	William Michaud	26 th	George Sagaser
15 th	James Miles	28 th	Tony Robinson
Ladies			

Happy Anniversary!

Date	January
15 th	Steve and Pat Gentry

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Good of the Order

Please remember our Brother Sir Knights and Family Members in your daily Prayers. If you know of a Brother Sir Knight or Family Member sick or in distress, Please call the Faithful Navigator or Faithful Comptroller right away.

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Jim Miles		Jake & Samantha Slawson	Jeanne Hitchcock
		Bob Valley	Arnold Baker
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2008 Events Calendar

January 2008

HAPPY NEW YEAR

23rd Wednesday
7:30 PM

Assembly Meeting
POC: Joe Penwell - 253-941-6339

St Vincent De Paul, Willenborg Center
30525 8th Ave S, Federal Way

February 2008

27th Wednesday
7:30 PM

Assembly Meeting
POC: Mike Adams - 206 824-5934

St Philomena's Parish Hall
1790 S 222nd Street, Des Moines



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